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1. SUMMARY. AT HASTILY CONVENED SESSIONS OF TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY (TCWP) AND PERMDEL AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS THIS WEEK, IT WAS TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT, FOLLOWING US NOTIFICATION IN JULY, TCWP CONSULTATION ON US EXPORT CONTROLS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCENARIO OUTLINED PARA 3 REF A AND THAT AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE SHOULD MEET SEPTEMBER 27-28 FOREXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SHORT-TERM MARKET OUTLOOK FOR AGRICULTURAL ITEMS, PRIMARILY PROTEIN FEEDSTUFFS, IN SHORT SUPPLY. MISSION ASSUMES THESE ARRANGEMENTS, AS ELABORATED BELOW, ARE ACCEPTABLE TO DEPT AND DOES NOT PLAN TO RAISE OBJECTION AT TCWP MEETING JULY 23. END SUMMARY.

2. TCWP CONVENED JULY 16 AT INITIATIVE OF SECRETARIAT TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATIONS ON US EXPORT CONTROLS REQUESTED BY JAPAN AT JULY 5-6 XCSS (REF B).

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AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION TCWP AGREED TO SCENARIO CONTAINED

PARA 3 REF A. SEVERAL DELS INCLUDING JAPAN, EC, DENMARK, SWITZERLAND AND NETHERLANDS REQUESTED PROMPT SUBMISSION OF US WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF MEASURES WHICH WOULD SERVE AS BASIC DOCUMENT FOR CONSULTATION. SECOND BASIC DOCUMENT WOULD BE SYNTHESIS OF VIEWS OF OTHER DELS CONSISTING OF FACTUAL INFORMATION AND ANALYSES WHICH THEY DEEMED RELEVANT TO CONSULTATION. TCWP AGREED TO MEET SEPTEMBER 5 IN ORDER TO SET A FIRM DATE, PROBABLY IN LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER, FOR CONSULTATION. TCWP WOULD THEN SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO TC MEETING OCTOBER 29-30. FOREGOING ARRANGEMENTS WERE ACCEPTED BY ALL AD REF WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY DEL HAVING SERIOUS OBJECTIONS SHOULD RAISE THEM AT OR BEFORE TCWP MEETING JULY 23. JUDGING FROM TONE OF MEETING, IT SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY ANY OBJECTIONS WILL BE RAISED. NOTABLE OBSERVATIONS AT MEETING INCLUDED (A) CONSULTATION SHOULD NOT BE DEVOTED TO CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK OR CONSIST OF CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES; (B) PURPOSE SHOULD BE TO SEEK COMMON APPRECIATION UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING MEASURES AND TO SEE WHAT LESSONS COULD BE DRAWN FOR STRENGTHENING MULTILATERAL CONSULTATION PROCEDURES DESIGNED TO AVOID OR COPE WITH SHORT SUPPLY CONDITIONS; (C) TO EXTENT POSSIBLE CONSULTATION SHOULD FOCUS ON COMMERCIAL POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND NOT GET BOGGED DOWN IN DETAIL OF PURELY AGRICULTURAL FACTORS; (D) SWISS DEL, ONLY ONE OTHER THAN JAPAN WITH INSTRUCTIONS, SUGGESTED TCWP WRITTEN REPORT TO TC ON CONSULTATION SHOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED, IF POSSIBLE, BY REPORT FROM AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE ON MARKET CONDITIONS AND PROSPECTS; TC MIGHT THEN DRAW CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TWO REPORTS AND SUBMIT THEM TO COUNCIL. SWISS DEL ALSO REQUESTED THAT TCWP EXAMINE IMPACT OF MEASURES ON PRICES AND INFLATION, AND SAID POINT WOULD BE STRESSED IN SWISS WRITTEN SUBMISSION.

3. PERMDEL AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS (MISSION REPRESENTED BY TRADE ADVISER) WERE CONVENED AT BRIEF AD HOC MEETING JULY 18 BY SECRETARIAT (SIMANTOV) ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM SECGEN VAN LENNEP TO DISCUSS ACTION AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MIGHT CONSIDER IN LIGHT OF SHORT SUPPLY CONDITIONS. SIMANTOV NOTED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE HAD SCHEDULED MEETING NEXT FEBRUARY FOR REVIEW OF MARKET CONDITIONS AFFECTING IMPORTANT ITEMS. SECRETARIAT FELT CURRENT SITUATION WARRANTED EARLIER MEETING TOWARD END OF SEPTEMBER TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON SHORT TERM MARKET CONDITIONS, SUPPLY/DEMAND PROSPECTS AND PRICE TRENDS, PRINCIPALLY OF PROTEIN FEEDSTUFFS (SOYBEANS AND SUBSTITUTABLE PRODUCTS). SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE BACKGROUND DOCUMENT. IN EARLY SEPTEMBER

SECRETARIAT WILL CIRCULATE BRIEF QUESTIONNAIRE TO DELS REQUESTING INFORMATION ON CROP PROSPECTS, STOCKS AND PRICES AS WELL AS A DESCRIPTION OF MEASURES GOVERNMENTS ARE TAKING OR PLAN TO TAKE TO COPE WITH SITUATION. DELS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO REPORT THAT INFO ORALLY AT MEETING WITH VIEW TO IDENTIFYING EXISTING AND NEAR-TERM PROBLEMS AND CONSIDERING POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. SEPTEMBER 27-28 TENTATIVELY AGREED AS DATE FOR MEETING SINCE EARLIER DATES NOT FEASIBLE FOR SEVERAL DELS AND MANY ALREADY COMMITTED FOR MEETINGS IN OCTOBER. SIMANTOV HOPED MEETING WOULD LEAD TO CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO TC AND COUNCIL. PRESS RELEASE COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED. ALL DELS AGREED AD REF TO FOREGOING SCENARIO WITH SOME, INCLUDING US, REQUESTING FLEXIBILITY ON DATES FOR MEETING. CANADIAN DEL SUGGESTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE MERIT IN HOLDING TCWP AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS BACK TO BACK IN LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER THEREBY PERMITTING EXPERTS WISHING TO DO SO TO PARTICIPATE AT BOTH MEETINGS.

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